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1. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES CONCEPT OF SEPARATE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUBMITS FIRST DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION OF POST AND THEN VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. WE CONCUR WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR (REFTEL) THAT SUCH SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE AND BELIEVE THAT PEREZ VISIT PRESENTS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT SQUARELY. WE SUBMIT THE TEXT WHICH FOLLOWS AS A FIRST DRAFT. WE ARE RECEPTIVE TO VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND SHALL RESPOND PROMPTLY
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ON RECEIPT OF ITS PROPOSED DRAFT.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
DRAFT JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ TO WASHINGTON, JUNE 28 AND 29, 1977.

-- RECOGNIZING THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE LONG HISTORIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROTECTION AND ADVANCEMENT

OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS RECORDED IN THEIR FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENTS;

-- RECOGNIZING THAT ARTICLES 55 AND 56 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE MEMBERS, LEGALLY OBLIGATE MEMBERS TO PROMOTE UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION;

-- RECOGNIZING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES STANDS FOR AND COMMITS MEMBER STATES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT AMONG SOVEREIGN NATIONS FOR PEACE, THE RULE OF LAW AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE;

-- RECOGNIZING THAT THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTS THE REAFFIRMATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE HEMISPHERE.

THEY ONCE AGAIN REAFFIRM THEIR PERSONAL JOINT COMMITMENT AND THAT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO THE PROMOTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WITH RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH NATION, WE REAFFIRM OUR JOINT COMMITMENT TO JOIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH OTHER NATIONS IN COMBATTING, AT HOME AND ABROAD, ABUSES OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THOSE CAUSED BY POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICE.

THEY ALSO AFFIRM THEIR CONTINUING JOINT SUPPORT FOR THE IMPORTANT SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

THEY WILL JOINTLY SEEK WAYS TO PROMOTE THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE BROADENED PROGRAMS IN THE CARE, PROTECTION AND RESETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL REFUGEES. END PROPOSED TEXT.

3. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT AS OF TODAY U.S., COL., AND COSTARICA ONLY ARE SIGNATORIES TO AM. CONVENTION ON H.R. PERHAPS GOV WOULD CONSIDER BECOMING ANOTHER SIGNATORY. VANCE

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